

## **G E D 1451**

### **Chapter 1451: Is It True?**

Instantly, all eyes were on Feng Wu.

As Feng Liu's mother, Lady Wang certainly knew what Feng Liu meant.

Feng Liu had suffered so much defeat at Feng Wu's hands. Now that she finally had the upper hand, Lady Wang had to back her up.

Hence, Lady Wang faked an astonished face and smacked Feng Liu on the head. "Watch your language! That's your sister!"

Feng Liu smirked. "If she really thinks of herself as my sister, she should leave this clan! Otherwise, she'll only bring us shame!"

Lady Wang gritted her teeth and cast a stern look at Feng Liu. "How can you say such things about Feng Wu? Your sister isn't like that!"

As she spoke, she smiled at Feng Wu. "Xiao Wu, do tell us. Xiao Liu wasn't telling the truth, was she? Surely you wouldn't bring such shame to our family like that."

What a question... One could tell how much she hated Feng Wu.

Feng Wu didn't know how to describe her feelings right now.

Had it not been for the mission, she would never have become Jun Linyuan's maid.

Despite her frustration, she kept her face unperturbed. She then glanced at Lady Wang and said indifferently, "Jun Linyuan's maid? That's me."

WHAT?!

Lady Wang stared at Feng Wu with unblinking eyes. "What did you say? You're really warming his bed now?!"

Feng Wu smirked. "My lady, what's that look on your face? Do you think Feng Liu can get this job even if she wants it?"

Wow —

Lady Wang sucked in her breath.

"You..." Lady Wang didn't expect to hear such a bold claim.

"Aren't you ashamed?!" Lady Wang went scarlet red in the face.

Feng Wu smirked. "Ashamed? Other people can't get this opportunity even if they beg for it. Shouldn't I be honored? What's shameful about it?"

"You..." Lady Wang was so furious that she pointed a shaking finger at Feng Wu.

Feng Liu stared at Feng Wu in astonishment as well.

She had tried to attack Feng Wu with that piece of news, but Feng Wu didn't care at all. Not only that, she was actually proud of it.

Feng Liu didn't know what to say...

She felt as if she had thrown a punch with all her strength, only for her fist to hit cotton.

The beautiful lady took Feng Wu's hand and looked very concerned. It broke one's heart to see her like that.

"You! You're shameless!" Lady Wang pointed at Feng Wu's nose.

However, Feng Yanfeng smacked her hand away.

"Ahem —"

Crossing his hands behind his back, Feng Yanfeng looked at Feng Wu with an expressionless face. He suddenly cleared his throat and gestured at Feng Wu to walk to the side with him.

He stared at Feng Wu once they were alone.

Feng Wu frowned. "Uncle, if there's nothing else, I'm going back inside."

"Stop." Feng Yanfeng stopped her.

Feng Wu looked over her shoulder.

Feng Yanfeng probably felt that it was an embarrassing question for him to ask as well, but he couldn't resist the possible gains. In the end, he cleared his throat and asked, "Is Feng Liu telling the truth?"

Feng Wu looked at him in bewilderment.

It only made Feng Yanfeng even more embarrassed, but he still snorted and asked, "Is it true, the thing between you and His Royal Highness?"

Feng Wu said casually, "If by the thing, you mean me becoming his personal maid —"

#### **Chapter 1452: Untitled**

Feng Yanfeng looked Feng Wu up and down, and had to admit in the end that Feng Wu was a lot prettier than Feng Liu. No wonder even His Royal Highness was...

"Ahem..." Feng Yanfeng cleared his throat. "Actually, it's not a bad thing."

Feng Wu only gave him an indifferent glance, because she already knew what her uncle was getting at.

Indeed, the next thing Feng Yanfeng said was, "Since His Royal Highness is into you now, you should take the chance to make him care for you!"

Feng Wu looked at him with expressionless eyes.

Feng Yanfeng thought that Feng Wu was going to listen to him, so he said patiently, "You have to know how prestigious His Royal Highness is! He's the crown prince! You know how many girls are around him all the time!"

“Yes, that’s right. You’re pretty, and His Royal Highness likes you, but can you be sure that His Royal Highness will always like you?”

Feng Wu frowned when she heard that.

Feng Yanfeng couldn’t sense her annoyance at all and went on trying to persuade her. “Xiao Wu, you have to listen to me. This is a chance you can’t miss. Feng Wu —”

Feng Wu stared at Feng Yanfeng.

Feng Yanfeng looked around, leaned closer to Feng Wu, and whispered, “Xiao Wu, while you still have the chance, you have to...”

Feng Wu frowned, “What did you say?”

Feng Yanfeng said, “You have to get pregnant with the crown prince’s baby!”

Feng Wu looked at Feng Yanfeng and found him a complete idiot. How could this man be a senior member of her own family?

Feng Yanfeng stared at Feng Wu and stressed each word. “The crown prince doesn’t have any children now. If you give him a son, do you know what will happen?

“He’ll dote on you, and you’ll become the royal family’s favorite! The Feng clan will rise because of you!

“Little Feng Wu, the entire Feng clan is counting on you!

“Even if you don’t want it yourself, you have to do it for the clan! Do you understand?!”

In the end, Feng Yanfeng was so excited that he was shaking Feng Wu by her shoulders.

Feng Wu gave him a “you idiot” look.

Seeing how unperturbed Feng Wu was, Feng Yanfeng gradually became disappointed.

After a final glance at Feng Yanfeng, Feng Wu turned to leave.

Feng Yanfeng’s face darkened. “Feng Wu!”

Feng Wu didn’t even look back. She only said, “Moron!”

Moron?!

Feng Yanfeng was astonished.

He was the minister of the Ministry of Official Personnel, the head of the Feng clan, and Feng Wu’s uncle. But she had just called him a moron!

“Hey, you stupid...”

But before he could go on, Feng Wu turned her head and sneered at him. “Uncle, are you urging me to...”

“Ahem —”

Feng Yanfeng coughed loudly to stop Feng Wu from telling other people.

After all, as her uncle, he would be ridiculed if other people learned that he had urged his niece to sleep with a man, even if that man was Jun Linyuan...

Although Feng Wu didn't finish the sentence, they all knew what she meant.

Fearing that Feng Wu might expose her father, Feng Liu immediately tried to change the subject. "Feng Wu, how can you be so proud when you haven't even been on a winter hunt yet?!"

Feng Wu rolled her eyes at Feng Liu.

Feng Liu smirked. "You don't know what that is, do you?"

### **Chapter 1453: Untitled**

Feng Wu decided to let the idiot go on.

Feng Liu gloated. "Hah, of course you don't know what it is, because you're not qualified to go! You can't even be there! That's so funny!"

Chaoge was so mad that she wanted to hit Feng Liu.

After her initial rage, Feng Wu had calmed down by now. She stopped Chaoge and let Feng Liu continue her performance.

"Are you done?" Feng Wu looked at her.

"Feng Wu, you don't know what to say now, do you? Hahaha —" Feng Liu laughed in satisfaction.

Feng Wu then slammed the door shut.

Feng Liu and the others were shut out.

"Hey! Feng Wu! Open the door! How dare you shut me out?!" Feng Liu kicked the door in frustration.

However, the door wouldn't budge no matter how hard she kicked.

Suddenly, a hush fell over the crowd...

Feng Liu turned around and almost jumped in fright, because an old woman was standing behind the crowd.

And that old woman was staring at her with a very grim look in her eyes.

"G- Granny Gong..." Feng Liu felt a chill run up her legs.

Granny Gong was only a chief maid when she was in the crown prince's residence, but when she came outside...

All the noble ladies of the empire had to address her politely and show her no less respect than they showed Lady Northern Feng.

Therefore, when Granny Gong stood outside Fallen Star Yard with a grim face, Lady Wang tugged at Feng Liu's sleeve to shut her up.

“Hm...”

Feng Liu swallowed. “Granny Gong...”

Granny Gong slowly walked up to Feng Liu, and suddenly smiled at her.

Feng Liu was elated.

Had she left a good impression on Granny Gong?

Oh god, if she could earn Granny Gong’s favor, her life would be so much easier!

Feng Liu was thrilled, but —

There was a crisp sound, and Feng Liu was slapped in the face by none other than Granny Gong herself.

“Granny Gong, you...”

Feng Liu was astonished and felt wronged.

The smile had vanished from Granny Gong’s face, and her eyes were colder than ice.

She stared at Feng Liu with her sharp gaze.

“Do you want to go on the winter hunt very much?”

Feng Liu said, “Granny Gong, actually...”

“You don’t have to bother preparing for it now!” Granny Gong said haughtily.

Feng Liu stared at Granny Gong in surprise.

Lady Wang realized what had happened, so she ran up to Granny Gong and tried to explain. “Granny Gong, Liu didn’t mean that. Actually...”

“No one in the Feng clan except for Feng Wu is allowed to go hunting this time!”

After that announcement, Granny Gong gave them an arrogant glance and said, “Now, get out of here.”

Feng Liu still tried to explain, but Lady Wang tugged at her to stop her.

After politely bidding Granny Gong farewell, Lady Wang took Feng Liu away.

Feng Liu wouldn’t accept it.

“Mother, what are you worried about? She’s just a nanny, and the chief maid of the crown prince’s residence at most. Why does she think she can control our clan...”

*Smack!*

Lady Wang slapped Feng Liu before she could finish.

“Shut up now, or you’ll incriminate the entire Feng clan!” Lady Wang had never been so mad at Feng Liu before.

**Chapter 1454: Untitled**

Feng Yanfeng had seen Granny Gong, but he thought he was too important to beg her, so he only gave her a nod and was ready to leave.

But Granny Gong stopped him in a cold voice.

“Master Feng —” Her voice wasn’t loud, but there was something very majestic in it.

She was only an elderly maid in the crown prince’s residence and was far more inferior to Feng Yanfeng, the minister of the Ministry of Official Personnel.

But somehow, Feng Yanfeng felt intimidated by her.

Granny Gong stared at Feng Yanfeng with her sharp gaze. “Master Feng, you’re short-sighted!”

Feng Yanfeng was utterly baffled and looked at Granny Gong in confusion.

Granny Gong snorted.

To her, Feng Yanfeng was an idiot.

If he had a little more faith in Feng Wu, he would be able to see the crown prince’s feelings for her and wouldn’t think Feng Wu was a mere bed-warming maid.

Feng Yanfeng was about to ask, when Granny Gong cut him off in her indifferent voice.

“Master Feng, think it over. If you’re perceptive enough, you may be able to grab this great opportunity.” That was all the hint Granny Gong would give him.

“Great opportunity?” Feng Yanfeng was dumbfounded.

“Yes, a chance to make the Feng clan rise again.” Granny Gong stared at the front gate of Fallen Star Yard.

“To make the Feng clan rise again?!” Feng Yanfeng was thrilled. “Can the Feng clan become one of the nine major clans again?”

Granny Gong glanced at Feng Yanfeng. “The nine major clans? You can rise higher than that.”

Feng Yanfeng was elated.

He wanted to ask more questions, but Granny Gong was done reminding him. “Master Feng, think it through.”

After that, Granny Gong walked past Feng Yanfeng and went into Fallen Star Yard.

She thought that Feng Yanfeng should understand, because she had made it so obvious.

However, Feng Yanfeng was still dumbfounded after Granny Gong went inside.

A great opportunity to make the Feng clan great again? What could it be?

Could it be Feng Wu? But even if Feng Wu actually climbed into Jun Linyuan’s bed and gave him a child, it wouldn’t be enough to make the Feng clan rise.

Could it be —

Feng Yanfeng's eyes lit up.

Could it be that Feng Wu's child would inherit Jun Linyuan's great talent, and the Feng clan would rise because of that genius baby?

Yes, that had to be it.

Feng Yanfeng successfully persuaded himself and got very excited. He couldn't wait to see Feng Wu pregnant and give birth.

"Father, you've seen it. Feng Wu was so mean to me." Feng Liu took Feng Yanfeng's hand and complained.

Feng Yanfeng had recognized Feng Wu's importance now, so he would never let Feng Liu hurt her.

"Keep this in mind: No more conflict with Feng Wu!" Feng Yanfeng glared at Feng Liu. "Any conflicts in the future, and you'll be held responsible!"

"Father —" Feng Liu was dumbfounded.

She couldn't understand the sudden change in her father's attitude. What on earth happened? Feng Liu couldn't figure it out, but Feng Yanfeng wouldn't tell her either.

Granny Gong walked into Fallen Star Yard and asked Feng Wu directly, "Miss Wu, do you need me to take care of Miss Feng Liu and the others for you?"

Take care of? How? Feng Wu stared at Granny Gong in amazement.

Granny Gong smiled at Feng Wu and said matter-of-factly, "If Miss Wu wants, I can make her disappear."

Feng Wu waved her hands. "It's not that serious."

### **Chapter 1455: Untitled**

Granny Gong said, "Then I'll make sure she can't participate in the winter hunt. If we don't teach her a lesson, His Royal Highness will punish me when he hears about it."

Feng Wu's eyebrows knitted tightly when Jun Linyuan's name was mentioned, and she immediately cut Granny Gong off. "Please don't bring up that name anymore!"

Despite Feng Liu's insult and Feng Yanfeng's reprimand, Feng Wu hadn't really been affected. However —

As soon as Granny Gong mentioned Jun Linyuan, Feng Wu flared up.

Granny Gong wanted to say something, but hesitated. Her poor young master just didn't know how to express his feelings...

"Miss Wu, His Royal Highness is just a little childish sometimes. In fact, he's very nice to you..."

Very nice? Feng Wu couldn't believe her ears.

If Jun Linyuan was nice to her, then no one in this world could be considered mean!

Granny Gong could guess from Feng Wu's silence what she was thinking, so she cleared her throat and said, "Ahem, actually, you're very special to His Royal Highness..."

Feng Wu glanced at Granny Gong in resignation. "Very special indeed, but I'd rather not be."

Granny Gong said, "Miss Wu, actually..."

The crown prince really liked little Feng Wu, but he was just too proud, which was why he always behaved like a bully.

She told Feng Wu that.

Feng Wu rolled her eyes. "Granny Gong, do you believe that?"

Granny Gong was speechless.

She knew that so much misunderstanding had accumulated by now that no explanation would be enough, so she decided to leave it to her young master to solve the problem.

She heaved a sigh and said, "Miss Wu, I think you should say goodbye to your family for the evening."

Feng Wu kept her cold gaze on Granny Gong without saying a word.

Despite her reluctance, Granny Gong still looked at Feng Wu and said solemnly, "Miss Wu, I think it's time you said goodbye."

She made it very clear that Feng Wu had to go back with her tonight.

Feng Wu pointed a trembling finger at Granny Gong and remained silent.

Chaoge ran up to Feng Wu, put herself between the two people, and glared at Granny Gong. "You evil old woman! If you're trying to take Xiao Wu away, you'll have to kill me first!"

The others gathered around them as well.

Qiuling pleaded with her eyes.

The beautiful lady was in tears.

Granny Gong was speechless.

She was only taking Feng Wu to the crown prince's residence. Why did they look like she was going to decapitate Feng Wu?

Granny Gong ignored them all. She only stared at Feng Wu and said a name.

Feng Xiaoqi.

Feng Wu frowned. "Granny Gong, are you threatening me now?"

Granny Gong raised an eyebrow. "Miss Wu, I think you know the answer. His Royal Highness is the only one who can do that."

Jun Linyuan...



Feng Wu frowned. She had to admit that Jun Linyuan could actually do that.

“Where’s Xiaoqi?” Feng Wu asked Chaoge.

Chaoge had been about to tell Feng Wu about it and she immediately said, “He left with some men who were supposed to be from the imperial guards. Xiao Wu, let’s go get Xiaoqi now!”

So, it was indeed the imperial guards...

Feng Wu stared at Granny Gong with a dangerous look in her eyes.

Granny Gong remained unperturbed and spoke to Feng Wu in a low voice that only she could hear.

The look on Feng Wu’s face changed immediately.

She stared at Granny Gong. “Are you threatening me now?”

### **Chapter 1456: Untitled**

Granny Gong said, “You think too highly of me.”

Feng Wu snorted, walked out the door, and headed for the Fang manor next door.

Grand Secretary Fang was a highly capable man and Xiaoqi’s teacher. Why would he let the imperial guards take Xiaoqi away?

However, when she got there, Steward Fang told her that Grand Secretary Fang was out visiting a friend.

“Out visiting a friend? What a coincidence.” Feng Wu frowned.

Steward Fang bowed. “Yes, the old master received an invitation from Old Master Zeng and immediately set out.”

“Did he say when he’ll be back?” Feng Wu narrowed her eyes.

Steward Fang shook his head with a wry smile.

Feng Wu went back to Fallen Star Yard and only asked Granny Gong in an indifferent voice, “Does Jun Linyuan know Old Master Zeng?”

Granny Gong replied in an unperturbed tone, “The old master taught His Royal Highness scriptures for a year before. He retired and went back to his hometown after His Royal Highness mastered everything.”

So, Old Master Zeng’s invitation must’ve been designed by Jun Linyuan to lure Grand Secretary Fang away!

“Damn you, Jun Linyuan!”

What lengths would he go to, just to keep her around him?

Feng Wu was speechless.

Granny Gong looked at Feng Wu. “Miss Wu, stalling may not do Young Master Qi any good.”

Of course Feng Wu knew that, but she still couldn’t get over the fact that she was being threatened.

“Xiao Wu, did the crown prince really hit you?” the beautiful lady asked between broken sobs.

Feng Wu’s eyes widened. “Did Jun Linyuan hit me?”

Where did that rumor come from?!

The beautiful lady caressed Feng Wu’s face with her soft hands and said nervously, “Good. There’s no scar...”

Feng Wu was speechless.

She took her mother’s hand and frowned. “Mom, who told you that?”

Since the beautiful lady remained at Fallen Star Yard all the time, rumors outside shouldn’t be able to reach her, not to mention that it was utter nonsense.

Qiuling immediately complained, “It’s all because of Miss Liu. When Young Master Qi was taken away, she came here and spouted all sorts of rumors. We chased her off, but my lady obviously heard her.”

“That’s right. They took Xiaoqi away. Xiao Wu, your brother was kidnapped —” The beautiful lady sobbed and looked so perplexed. “Where did your brother go?”

Feng Wu gave her mother a sympathetic look.

She had no idea what the beautiful lady had gone through, but she had always lived in a confused state like this. To her, the world revolved around Feng Wu and Xiaoqi. Now that Xiaoqi was missing, she was bound to feel anxious.

“Mom, don’t worry. I’ll bring Xiaoqi back.” Feng Wu sighed inwardly.

Granny Gong was right. It would be very unwise of her to argue with Jun Linyuan right now.

Since she couldn’t do that, she had to change her approach. She didn’t like the idea, but what choice did she have?

“Let’s go.” Feng Wu glanced at Granny Gong and walked out of the courtyard.

Granny Gong heaved a sigh.

She was genuinely worried that the young couple would fall out again. By now, because of Bixi, the empress dowager had noticed Feng Wu again.

Granny Gong felt a headache coming on when she thought about that old lady.

Feng Wu and Granny Gong left the Feng manor and went back to the crown prince’s residence.

However —

Chapter 1457: Untitled

Soon, news leaked out of the Feng clan.

It was said that Feng Wu ran back home after Jun Linyuan hit her, but Granny Gong came after her and took her back to the residence.

Jun Linyuan was such a high-profile name.

And Feng Wu drew a lot of attention.

Everyone was so curious about their story that in less than two hours, the news spread to every corner of the imperial capital.

Even the empress dowager heard it.

“What? Junjun beat Feng Wu up?”

The empress dowager didn't like Feng Wu in the first place. After what she heard from Bixi, she disliked Feng Wu even more.

Therefore, she was secretly delighted when she heard the news.

“If that's the case, let her stay in the crown prince's residence to recover from her injuries. Eliminate her name from the list of participants for the winter hunt!” The empress dowager didn't want to see Feng Wu's face.

Lady Northern Feng was about to speak, but the old lady cast a stern look at her. “Don't say a word! Don't mention her name again in front of me. Otherwise, I won't like you anymore!”

Lady Northern Feng was rendered speechless.

What could she do about the willful old lady?

All news got around eventually, not to mention a decree from the empress dowager herself.

Therefore, before Feng Wu and Granny Gong got back to the crown prince's residence, the news of Feng Wu being scolded by the empress dowager and her name being removed from the list had already gotten around.

It spread so fast that someone had to be behind it.

And the two of them came back too late to hear the news until the following day —

The winter hunt was a big deal for the royal family, but with so many servants around, things were quickly prepared and packed.

Early next morning —

Feng Wu had yet to wake up when she felt something cold on the tip of her nose.

She opened her eyes to find the domineering crown prince sitting by her bed.

Feng Wu smacked his hand away and glared at him. “Jun Linyuan, what are you doing?!”

“Hmph!”

The proud crown prince felt rather humiliated by her reaction.

After what Feng said the night before, Jun Linyuan seemed to realize that what he had done to Feng Wu was wrong. Right now, he was here to mend things.

But Feng Wu's rejection immediately set him off.

Feng Wu had no idea that she had offended Jun Linyuan, and she glared at him. "Even a crown prince shouldn't just walk into a girl's room! I have my own dignity!"

Jun Linyuan smirked and said the first thing that came into his mind. "Heh. You're a bed-warming maid. What dignity do you have?"

Feng Wu almost exploded when she heard that.

Her eyes went bloodshot red, and she yelled, "Jun Linyuan! What did you say?!"

Outside, Feng really wanted to smack the crown prince on the head.

He didn't know what else he could do.

The crown prince was an incredibly smart man, and other people would willingly follow his lead. But when Feng Wu was involved, he simply stopped thinking. What was wrong with him?!

Seeing that the young couple was going to start a row again, Feng immediately intervened. "Your Royal Highness, you still need to sign a lot of memorials to the throne."

Hearing that, Jun Linyuan threw an angry glance at Feng Wu. "You're impossible! Reflect on yourself!"

He stormed off after that.

#### **Chapter 1458: Untitled**

Seeing Jun Linyuan leave, Feng Wu was so frustrated, but she didn't know where to vent.

She realized that she was such a wuss around Jun Linyuan.

Feng tried to explain to Feng Wu, "Actually, His Royal Highness was here to..."

"To piss me off, is it?" Feng Wu stared at Feng.

Feng was speechless.

"What are you still doing there?!" Jun Linyuan yelled outside.

Feng was speechless.

With their temperaments, he wondered when the two of them would reconcile. Feng himself almost felt like crying.

With no other choice, he could only give Feng Wu a long look. "Miss Feng, please get up. We're leaving for the winter hunt in an hour."

After Feng left, the more Feng Wu thought about it, the more displeased she became.

The winter hunt was the last thing she wanted to do right now.

However, Jun Linyuan still had Xiaoqi, and she had agreed to be his maid for 18 days, so she had to go.

Suppressing her frustration, Feng Wu struggled to her feet.

Being as pretty as she was, she didn't need to do much. After quickly washing up and getting dressed, she pushed the door open.

"So, Miss Feng is awake."

Feng Wu pushed the door open to see a pretty girl leaning against the wall and looking at her in a triumphant way.

This was... Feng Wu frowned.

Because she recognized the person. It was none other than Bixi, the girl who had confronted her before.

Feng Wu wasn't in the mood to talk, so she gave her a nod and was going to walk past her.

However —

"Little maid, where are you going?" Bixi uncrossed her arms and said to Feng Wu with a smile.

Her tone was quite provoking.

Moreover —

Who was she to call her a maid? Who did she think she was? Feng Wu was already grumpy from having to get up, and with the row with Jun Linyuan, she was very angry when Bixi just showed up like this. So, she wasn't going to play nice.

"To the winter hunt." Feng Wu stared at Bixi.

"The winter hunt? Hahaha! Are you saying you're going?" Bixi gave her an "you're insane" look.

Feng Wu ignored her and continued walking.

"You haven't heard?" Bixi shouted behind Feng Wu.

She didn't try to keep her voice down, so she had already caused a scene. Slowly, people began to gather.

Zhen Xia and a few young maids were standing a short distance away.

Zhen Xia was on Zuo Qingluan's payroll, so she was naturally hostile toward Feng Wu.

She was thrilled to see Bixi criticizing Feng Wu.

Seeing that Feng Wu was leaving, Bixi said in a sarcastic voice, "Don't you know? You're not qualified to go to this year's winter hunt."

What? Feng Wu frowned and stared at Bixi.

Bixi looked like she had just seen an idiot. "You seem surprised. But didn't you know? Only four maids can go, and you're new here. Why would you think you get to go?"

Feng Wu was a little baffled.

Crossing her hands behind her back, Bixi raised her chin and gloated. "Moreover, the empress dowager gave a decree. You, Feng Wu, have been disqualified from going."

Disqualified? Feng Wu frowned. "Are you sure?"

Seeing the way Feng Wu frowned, Bixi thought that Feng Wu was unhappy, which pleased her immensely. "It's an order from the empress dowager, so of course it's true. Feng Wu, don't tell me you just presumed you could go. How do you feel now? I bet you're so mad! Hahaha —"

### **Chapter 1459: Royal Progress (1)**

Feng Wu was speechless.

She had never wanted to go to the event in the first place. Hearing this good news, she felt like throwing a party to celebrate.

"Are you sure I'm not qualified to go?" Feng Wu looked at Bixi with her brooding eyes.

Bixi snorted. "Feng Wu, I see that you really want to go hunting. Too bad, you're not allowed to. Hahaha —"

The idea of Feng Wu not being able to go made Bixi feel utterly satisfied.

But Feng Wu —

As soon as she heard that she wasn't qualified, she was over the moon!

Without another word, she turned around and headed back.

She moved so fast that the others didn't have time to react.

When Bixi realized what had happened, Feng Wu was already several hundred meters away.

Dumbfounded, Bixi watched as Feng Wu walked away. She then turned to Zhen Xia with a confused look on her face.

"S- She left, just like that?" Bixi stared at Zhen Xia and mumbled.

Zhen Xia was too smart to get involved in the conflict between Bixi and Feng Wu, so she gave Bixi a little bow and left with her young maids.

Bixi was speechless.

By then, the crown prince had already gotten into his carriage. However, he was so angry at the moment that no one dared to get any closer.

Even Feng couldn't start a normal conversation with him.

"Why aren't we moving?" the crown prince asked impatiently.

"That girl is so grumpy. I can't even make fun of her now." The more he thought about it, the angrier he became.

"Your Royal Highness, some people are still not here yet, especially Feng..."

However, the crown prince cut him off with a wave of his hand. "If they're not here yet, they're not going!"

He was so angry that he didn't understand what Feng was saying.

Feng was speechless, for he knew that his young master didn't hear him clearly, so he raised his voice and said, "Your Royal Highness, Miss Feng Wu hasn't arrived yet..."

Something clicked in Jun Linyuan's head.

No one could disturb him like that — not even the emperor or the empress dowager. However, whenever Feng Wu's name popped up, it meant something special.

However —

He still cared about his pride more.

"How dare she not show up? Good. That's interesting! So interesting!" Jun Linyuan smirked. "Let her stay behind, then! Let's go!"

After that, Jun Linyuan gave a wave, and they were on their way.

Bixi was one of the maids who was allowed to tag along.

She wasn't on the list at first, but since she worked for the empress dowager, all it took was a word from the old lady, and she was given permission.

She was a little fidgety after confronting Feng Wu today, fearing that the crown prince would punish her later.

However —

Bixi was thrilled when she heard what Jun Linyuan said.

"Feng Wu, there I was, thinking you mean something to His Royal Highness. But as it turns out, you're nothing special!"

Bixi wasn't worried anymore.

The winter hunt always took place in the Selna Grassland.

That grassland was where the Selna Tribe lived. They were one of the fiercer tribes in the empire, and known as "the tribe on horseback."

The tribesmen were known for their towering heights and sturdiness. They were born with great strength and were innately amazing soldiers.

## **Chapter 1460: Royal Progress (2)**

Therefore, even Emperor Wu, the ruler of the continent, had to be on friendly terms with the tribe.

The winter hunt was when Emperor Wu paid a friendly visit to the chief of the tribe, and more went on behind the scenes than any ordinary person could comprehend.

That was why Emperor Wu would have a large entourage every single time.

At Dingwu Gate.

Emperor Wu brought more than 20 officials with him this time, all of whom were his closest confidants.

And they all came with their own families as well, who had carriage after carriage of luggage. Right now, the square outside Dingwu Gate was packed.

Luckily, the families all had their allotted spots, so it wasn't very messy.

There was a hubbub of voices as soon as Emperor Wu showed up.

"Your Majesty —"

Emperor Wu's steward smiled wryly and spoke in a low voice when the emperor was about to give the order to set out.

"His Royal Highness isn't here yet..."

"What?!"

Emperor Wu's face immediately darkened.

For this trip, he had not only brought Empress Dugu, but quite a few concubines as well. However, Empress Dugu was the only one sharing a carriage with the emperor.

Hearing the steward's words, Empress Dugu thought that her chance had arrived, so she slowly said, "His Royal Highness is really arrogant. Your Majesty has to wait for him now."

Emperor Wu was already unhappy, and Empress Dugu's deliberate words only aggravated the situation. He was visibly in a bad mood.

The chief steward smiled bitterly inwardly. "Her Majesty is still so selfish. She's all about making her own son the crown prince instead." However —

The chief steward was completely on Jun Linyuan's side, even if the young man had never been particularly nice to him.

"Jun Linyuan is getting bolder and bolder!" Emperor Wu smacked the table.

"Your Majesty, we calculated the best time to set out. If we're delayed because of His Royal Highness, it won't be a good sign... What are we going to do?" Empress Dugu feigned a worried tone.

Emperor Wu snorted. "If he doesn't want to come, then don't! Tell everyone we're leaving now!"

Emperor Wu had two stewards with him. The chief steward, Zhao Ruhai, was 100% Jun Linyuan's supporter.

The other steward was Bai the eunuch, who had served Emperor Wu when the latter had still been the crown prince. After all these years, they had quite a close relationship.

However, Bai was on Empress Dugu's side, so he didn't like Jun Linyuan.

The chief steward and Bai left the imperial carriage, and Bai looked pleased.



He glanced at the chief steward and smirked. "How can His Royal Highness make His Majesty wait? That's too arrogant."

The chief steward almost rolled his eyes. "I'm sure His Royal Highness has his own reasons."

Bai asked, "Does he? I wonder who is important enough to make His Majesty wait."

His voice might be low, but Emperor Wu heard everything.

"That's unacceptable!"

Emperor Wu was very serious about his dignity, and he wouldn't be challenged. Now that Bai had said that, his impression of Jun Linyuan immediately worsened.

What was Jun Linyuan doing now?

Halfway to the square, the crown prince couldn't stand it anymore.

He had been thinking about Feng Wu the entire time.